

June 23, 2015

Dear Esteemed Member of the Oregon Legislature,

The undersigned companies stand with the more than 150 businesses and organizations that have endorsed Oregon's Clean Fuels Program. These businesses followed the rules and journeyed through the public process for almost a decade to help shape a program that would be good for local economic development and clean up the state's air.

Those years of hard work are now on the bargaining table. After passage and the governor signing this bill just two months ago, the legislature is now debating whether it will repeal Clean Fuels.

Businesses, large and small, need certainty. The marketplace is competitive and unpredictable. The rules of the game should be predictable. Companies want to compete on a level playing field. The oil industry has had an unfair competitive advantage because they don't pay for the pollution from their product and they maintain a vigorously defended monopoly on the market. With the true cost of pollution factored in, businesses can compete and the winners will be Oregon consumers and the local economy.

We also recognize and support a well-maintained transportation system as an essential part of doing business. But the choice between investing in repairing roads and bridges and whether or not Oregon implements the clean fuels program is a false choice.

The Clean Fuels Program is a market-based, technology-neutral solution that guarantees outcomes, but allows the market to decide which fuels will help us reach those goals at the lowest price. Attempting to replace Clean Fuels with temporary subsidies and voluntary goals is a huge step backward for Oregon.

Now is not the time to undercut the market certainty businesses are relying on to expand clean technologies in Oregon. Many of our companies are already planning investments to meet the market demand expected from the Clean Fuels Program. We urge you to stand strong and implement the Clean Fuels Program, and reject this notion that they should be tied: we can support transportation investments and clean fuels.

Thank you for your consideration,

Advanced Biofuels Association, Washington, DC
AJW, Inc., Arlington, Virginia
Altitude Fuel, Santa Monica, California
Aspire Clean Tech Communications, San Diego, California
Baker Commodities, Inc., Vernon, California
Biodico Sustainable Refineries, Santa Barbara, California
Biosynthetic Technologies, Irvine, California

California Biodiesel Alliance, San Francisco, California
California Electric Transportation Coalition, Sacramento, California
California Natural Gas Vehicle Association, Sacramento, California
CALSTART, Pasadena, California
Center for Sustainable Energy, San Diego, California
ChargePoint, Campbell, California
Clarkstreet Associates, Palo Alto, California
Clean Energy, Newport Beach, California
Clean Energy Renewables, Newport Beach, California
Cool Planet, Greenwood Village, Colorado
Crimson Renewable Energy, Bakersfield, California
DuPont Industrial Biosciences, Wilmington, Delaware
Efficiency Data & Development, Capitola, California
Environmental Entrepreneurs, Nationwide, with Oregon-based chapter
logen, Ottawa, Ontario
Leadership for a Clean Economy, San Francisco, California
Low Carbon Fuels Coalition, Sacramento, California
Propel Fuels, Sacramento, California
Sierra Business Council, Truckee, California